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Minden Hills passes budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills residents can expect a 5.13 per cent increase in their lower-tier property taxation as councillors passed the 2017 budget during a Feb. 23 meeting.

That brings the amount of taxation to \$3.37 per every \$1,000 of assessment, up from \$3.21 last year.

The budget represents \$15.3 million in spending, \$7.2 million of which will be levied from taxation. Last year's tax levy was approximately \$6.9 million.

Approximately \$1.9 million will be spent on general government; \$4.7 million on protective services, which includes policing and the fire and bylaw departments; just over \$4 million on transportation services, which includes the roads department; more than \$2 million on environmental services, which includes the operation of Minden's water and sewer systems; \$1.9 million on recreation and culture; \$430,000 on planning and development; and just more than \$90,000 on health services.

The township will spend \$1.9 million on a new fire hall on Highway 35, which it will pay for using money from reserves.

More than one per cent of the increase is to cover the jump in the township's OPP bill,

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A special gift

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker, centre, accepts the equivalent of \$5,000 in bonds from Sally Moore, left, and Jan Clarke of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast on Feb. 27. The foundation raises funds for capital projects at the Minden and Haliburton HHHS facilities and its special gifts program allows contributions to be made through publicly traded securities or shares, life insurance or an estate bequest. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Scott pleased with human trafficking bill

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott is pleased the provincial government has tabled what it's calling the Anti-Human Trafficking Act, a piece of legislation which borrows heavily from the Saving the Girl Next Door Act, a private member's bill

that Scott tabled in Queen's Park last year.

"I'm very happy that they took 99 per cent of my Saving the Girl Next Door Act," Scott told the *Times*. "I was actually hoping they'd do it a year ago. They government put it in their own legislation."

Scott said the important thing was that the province was taking action on the problem.

In late 2014, Scott, who is the PC party's critic for women's issues, spearheaded the

creation of an all-party standing committee on sexual violence and harassment, on which she served as vice-chair.

An alarming finding in the committee's final report, which was released in 2015, was the frequency of human trafficking – typically of young girls and women for sexual purposes – occurring in Ontario.

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Fire destroys Halls Lake home

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Fire laid waste to a house on Halls Lake Road on the morning of Feb. 22.

The lone male occupant in the year-round home was able to escape uninjured after a smoke detector went off, said Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh.

The house is a complete write-off, the value of the damage not yet known. While investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing, Cavanagh said it was not suspicious.

The house was located at 1015 Halls Lake Road, near Lorelea Resort.

"We would remind everyone that fires today grow rapidly and it is important to ensure you have working smoke alarms on every storey of your home," Cavanagh stressed. "A practiced home escape plan will also help ensure that all your family members will be able to exit quickly."



Fire destroyed this home along Halls Lake Road on Feb. 22. The man inside escaped with his life after his smoke alarm went off.

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Five per cent tax increase for Minden Hills residents in 2017

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which will rise by \$104,000 to a total of \$1.95 million in 2017.

This year is the third year of a five-year phase-in of a new OPP billing formula that redistributes total OPP costs throughout the province on a per household basis. Since seasonal residences count as households, cottage country communities are being hit hard by the formula, with the collective OPP bill for Haliburton County's four townships doubling from approximately \$3 million to approximately \$6 million during the five-year period.

OPP officers received a 2.65 per cent wage increase for

2015 and 1.95 per cent wage increase for 2016. Under an arbitrated wage settlement with the Ontario Provincial Police Association, officers will receive a 1.9 per cent increase for 2017 and a 1.75 per cent increase for 2018.

Because those cost increases are out of municipal control, Minden Hills council and the councils of Haliburton County's other lower-tier townships typically opt to pass those costs directly to taxpayers.

Minden Hills staff will receive a 1.75 per cent increase in wages for 2017.

Water and sewer rates will remain unchanged for the year.

Provincial proposal based on Scott's bill

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"While human trafficking is commonly associated with foreign victims crossing international borders, recent charges and convictions indicate that the vast majority of victims in Canada (over 90 per cent) are trafficked domestically (i.e., all stages of the trafficking occur within Canadian borders)," the report read. "Human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation has been found to be the most common form of trafficking in Canada, with Ontario functioning as a major 'hub.' In these cases, traffickers force victims to provide sexual services to customers, usually in exchange for money."

Two thirds of all police-reported human trafficking cases in Canada happen in Ontario.

Last year, Scott tabled the Girl Next Door Act, which, among other protections for victims, recommended giving them the option to sue their traffickers, rather than having to go through the trauma of reliving their experience in a courtroom. It received second reading on Feb. 18, 2016, but was never called to committee by the government, the next step in turning a bill into a law.

The Anti-Human Trafficking Act was presented by the government on Feb. 22 and along with giving victims the right to sue their traffickers, borrows a number of other recommendations from Scott's bill, including allow restraining orders to be taken out against traffickers, more training for front-line workers and more public awareness, including through Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which would be proclaimed on Feb. 22.

Scott said it's important for victims to have as many tools

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— HKLB MPP LAURIE SCOTT

as possible to help them succeed after escaping the world of trafficking.

"If they can exceed at all," she said. "They try to re-establish themselves. They usually have no credit. Their identity has been stolen from them."

Some provincial funding is already being allotted for the cause.

"They're starting to do some public awareness in our area," Scott said, adding that some \$18,000 had been awarded to Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services. She said the long-term plan is for training not only to be done with front-line workers, but also with hotel/motel operators and in schools and other places, on recognizing the signs of a human trafficking situation.

Scott said she was recognized by the government for the work she'd done on the issue.



HKLB MPP Laurie Scott is happy the government is taking steps against human trafficking. She tabled her Girl Next Door Act private member's bill in Queen's Park a year ago.

"They've given it a different title and that's fine," she said. "The title is always the Girl Next Door Act to me."

House explosion along Reynolds Road

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Reynolds Road in Minden Hills was closed to traffic last week as the Minden Hills fire department along with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office investigates a house explosion.

Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell told the *Times* the department got a call for the explosion just after 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23.

"Nobody was home at the time," said Schell, who was still on scene at about 10:30 a.m. on Friday. "It's kind of used on a seasonal basis."

The house was destroyed, with an excavator taking down its remnants.

As with cases of explosion or damage of more than half a million dollars, the fire marshal's office must be called in.

"It's under investigation," Schell said of the cause of the explosion. There was a propane tank on the property that erupted, but what led to that is unclear at this time.

"Due to the narrowness of the road, we're trying to keep traffic at a minimum," Schell said of the road closure.

Reynolds Road was reopened to traffic by the end of last Friday

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Inaugural winter bluegrass festival delights at Pinestone

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

There was no shortage of toe tapping and smooth harmonies coming out of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre this past weekend as the inaugural Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival took place on Feb. 24 and 25.

The event featured eight different musical acts and performers who came from far and wide to attend the festival, as did its visitors.

Organizers were very pleased with the outcome of the festival and plan to bring it back next year.

“Everything went very well,” said Lynda Weir. “The bands were very happy with the accommodations and the service at the Pinestone and everybody had a really good time.”

Weir said the event got a lot of support from the community and she hopes that continues next year, as she is already on the lookout for sponsors.

The organizer said the nice thing about a bluegrass festival is it’s not weather dependent.

“They [Pinestone] had snowmobilers booked in that had come up to snowmobile but turned around and came to the festival because the snowmobiling was non-existent,” said Weir.

Weir said bluegrass music appeals to many as it’s catchy, happy and you “can’t help but tap your toe.”

“I heard nothing but good from people and a couple of the bands already said they want to come back next year, so that’s a good sign,” she said.



Multiple award winning band Winterline perform at the inaugural Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Feb. 25. The two day event drew performers and guests from across Ontario and was a big success. Organizers are planning on bringing it back next year and are looking for sponsors. From left, Bernie Caron, Joyce Gagnon, Jared Lozon, Gabe Gagnon, Ron Jubenville and Ken Robichaud. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Stuart Rutherford of Hard Ryde plays a dobro at the inaugural Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival.



Bluegrass band Hard Ryde perform at the inaugural Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival. From left, Gilles Leclerc, Doug deBoer, Rich Koop, Stuart Rutherford and Larry Johnston (in behind).



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Evening of song will support women's shelter

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

An evening of storytelling and song on March 8 will not only celebrate International Women's Day, but also raise money for HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace).

The fundraiser, which will feature the music of Zoe Chilco, Cassidy Glecoff and Sage Christiano, as well as inspirational storytelling, will take place in the great hall at the Haliburton Fleming College campus.

The event is being organized by volunteer Bonnie Roe.

It came to light late last year that the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA had closed HERS – an emergency shelter located in Minden – for five months from late 2015 to spring of 2016 due to a lack of resources. Increased use of the shelter meant the organization had burned through its resources quicker than usual.

In early 2017, the YWCA starting canvassing local townships for one-time funding support, and is seeking a total of \$120,000 for a two-year project that would include the continued operation of the shelter, as well as a sustainability study on providing services in rural areas.

Haliburton County will be providing \$25,000 over two years.

"It's a lot of money," Roe says of the deficit. "I didn't realize that they had been closed."

Roe, a nurse by trade, has a personal connection to HERS. Back in the 1990s, she was a volunteer at the women's

emergency house in Haliburton Village, which was operated by SIRCH.

The emergency house was open from 1995 until 1998, when it closed due to lack of funding.

"I was part of a group that was being trained to provide 24/7 volunteer support for people," Roe says.

She and a group of eight or nine other women then set about organizing and fundraising for a new shelter, HERS, which would open in Minden.

"It was starting all over again," Roe says. "What would the model look like? Where would it be?"

She continued to be involved with fundraising for the facility into the early 2000s.

Last year, the YWCA assisted some 125 women locally, providing more than 670 outreach counselling sessions and fielding more than 1,200 crisis calls. Isolation and lack of transportation can make Haliburton County a dangerous place for women with abusive partners, some women staying with abusers in exchange for food and sex.

When Roe decided she wanted to organize a fundraiser for HERS, she thought the upcoming International Women's Day would be a logical time.

"What a perfect fit," she says, "especially when you look at the momentum of the women's marches across the world."

In addition to the musical entertainment, there will be speeches.

"There's going to be a bit of a walk down memory lane about HERS," Roe says, adding there will also be some history on International Women's Day. "We have a couple of

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It's not to alienate men, it's to bring everyone together.

— VOLUNTEER BONNIE ROE

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women who will share their stories about the support they received from HERS."

The event runs from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with admission by donation.

County residents Susan and Keith Hay have pledged to match donations from individuals up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Sound for the event will be provided by Mark Christiano, with promotion sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing.

Everyone is welcome.

"It's not to alienate men, it's to bring everyone together," Roe says. "On all of these issues, we have to work together."



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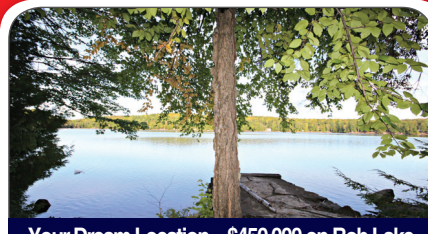
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Re-naturalize

WITH COTTAGE season coming up soon, it seems like a good time to discuss the importance of shoreline health.

(What's that? Cottage season isn't coming up soon? I'm trying to be optimistic here, folks, OK? Just roll with it.)

Last week, Paul MacInnes, indefatigable lake steward and chairman of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, made a presentation to county council.

The news wasn't particularly good. In fact, the news was pretty bad.

To prevent lake health from declining, it's recommended that lakes have at least 75 per cent naturalized shoreline.

Of the 47 local lakes evaluated so far through the CHA's shoreline health project – also known as the Love

Your Lake program – they have, on average, 48 per cent naturalized shoreline.

Naturalized shoreline means a buffer of 30 metres back from the shore that is untouched nature or has been re-naturalized through steps such as replacing manicured lawns with native grasses and plants.

This 30-metre buffer is sometimes referred to as “the ribbon of life,” as it provides all kinds of ecological benefits.

Native species have root systems that are much deeper than the species with which they are often replaced. Natural shorelines absorb pollutants such as phosphorous much, much better than unnatural ones.

Phosphorous is perhaps the biggest single threat to lake health in Haliburton County. Phosphorous

chokes oxygen out of aquatic ecosystems. Too much phosphorous in a lake can lead to the birth of algae blooms, which are fatal to flora and fauna. Algae blooms murder lakes.

Most of the phosphorous in county lakes – about 95 per cent of it – comes from us. Literally. Most of the phosphorous content in local lakes has leaked its way there through septic beds.

It's a reminder of why it's important to have your septic system up to snuff.

Pun fully intended.

In addition to absorbing pollutants and preventing erosion, natural shorelines provide essential habitat for multitudinous species of animal including fish, frogs, butterflies and benthos.

Benthos are creatures that live in the benthic, or bottom, region of water bodies. With a diet

that consists mostly of algae, the microscopic crustaceans that live in county lakes are constantly cleaning as they eat. Collectively, they are the lakes' filtration system.

Natural shorelines help keep benthos and other animal species on which lakes depend alive. They also provide lakes with much-needed calcium through decomposing organic material.

If you are reading this and feeling guilty that your manicured, grass-filled, retaining walled property is killing your lake – and it is, I'm sorry – do not despair.

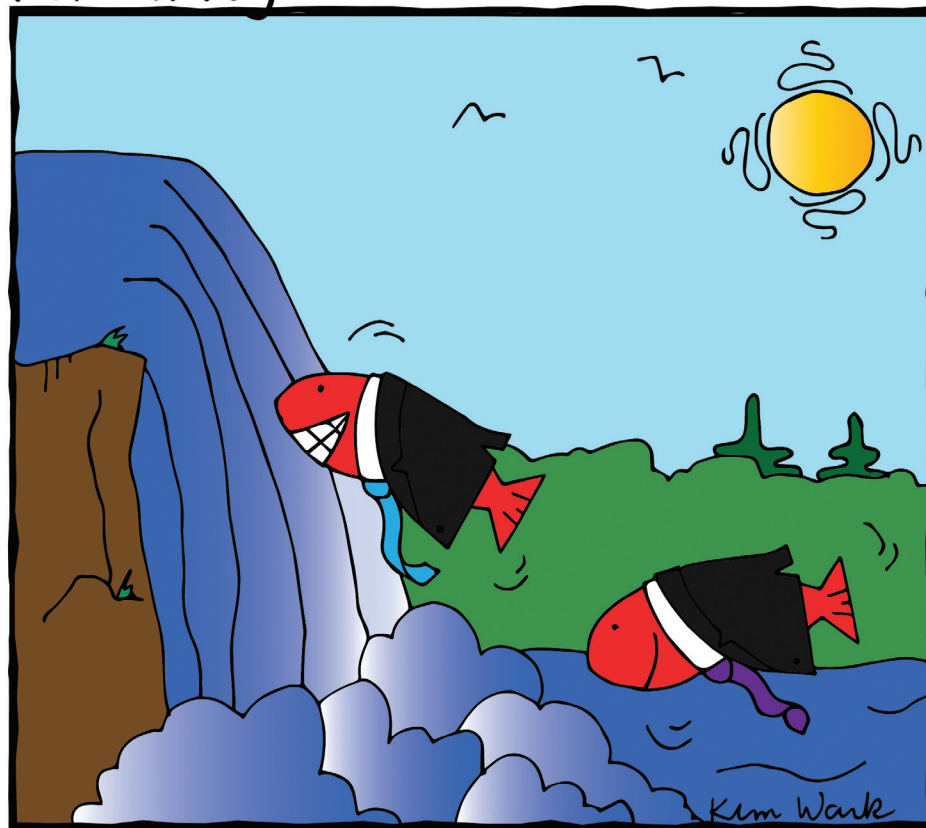
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CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



Civilized Salmon

Creek fishing ain't easy

THE OTHER DAY A friend called me up and started telling me about Master Wei Yaobin, the founder and undisputed master of Iron Crotch Kung Fu.

A quick look online revealed videos of Master Wei being continually kicked in the crotch by students. Later in the clip, he spends a good deal of time beating himself in the nether regions with bricks, and in the third part you see a huge log on a pendulum as it is swung right into what must now be mulch.

There might be a fourth part, but I couldn't watch.

After I finished viewing these life lessons my friend asked, “Well, what do you think?”

Two things immediately came to mind. First, my job no longer seems as bad as it once did. And, second, he must be a creek fisherman.

Look, this kind of thing is old hat to anyone who has ever spent any time sneaking around creeks while hunting for trout.

It happens routinely to the angler who follows his buddy while bushwhacking to a secret pool on the creek. The first angler walks into a sapling blocking his path, and instead of going around it, he basically ends up pushing it forward until it is fully cocked. Then when he finally gets to the end of it and lets it go, it swings back with great force to greet the other angler, typically below the belt. The release is usually followed by, “Watch out!” but that is often not heard over the whimpering.

Another fairly common mishap is what I call the see-saw stick. This happens when one angler steps on the high end of a brittle, downed stick that is balanced over a mossy downed tree. It suddenly becomes a case of

for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. One end of the stick goes down; the other goes up – generally between the legs of the following angler.

This is followed by the first angler saying, “Did you hear that weird howl? Must be a sick coyote...”

Not all incidents require the help of another angler however. Sometimes a slick log that spans a creek is all that's needed. This typically occurs when the angler in question decides that, rather than walk another ten feet to the shallow spot where he can easily wade across the creek, he will use a slick log over a deep pool as a bridge.

“What could go wrong?” he says to himself.

I won't go into further detail other than to say that any nearby deer quickly vacate the area and after the short-lived and painful straddle is a brief period of getting a first-hand look at all the aquatic inhabitants of the pool below.

Finally, a little-known but equally effective occupational hazard is to lean your fishing rod over the side of the canoe while leaving the butt end between your knees. If you are lucky, when the biggest fish in the creek pulls hard and straight down on your lure, bait or fly, the butt end of the rod will miss your crotch and hit you square in the chin, make you bite your tongue, chip a few teeth and flip the canoe.

No one is ever that lucky though.

The point here is this stuff is second nature to the experienced creek angler and I told that to my friend.

“You guys must be really stupid,” he replied.

I'm going to show him my secret spot on the creek this spring.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Report from Snowpocalypse

WHEN YOU'VE LIVED MUCH OF YOUR LIFE in snow country, grossly swelling snow banks are no big deal. Certainly nothing to worry about.

Last week, surrounded by snow banks towering 12 to 14 feet high and growing, I began to worry.

I was visiting our daughter and her family in California and accompanied them up to ski country for President's Day Weekend (some called it Not My President's Day weekend). The snow appeared at the 6,000-foot level and farther up we entered a world of white passageways cut through towering mountains of snow.

I have never seen snow like that. Driveways into chalets were tunnel-like with snow banks more than twice the height of our car. Snow blocked the view from my bedroom window, located on the second floor.

Throughout the village, tractor snow blowers wheezed diesel exhaust as they chewed and spit streams of snow to keep the passages clear.

On President's Day Monday ski families scammedered to pack up their gear and get down the mountains in case the highway closed. The forecast called for as much as another five feet to fall over 24 hours.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

That area, Sugar Bowl ski resort near Truckee, California, gets an average of 500 inches of snow a year. That's roughly 42 feet, or 13 metres. By Feb. 20, the day we left, it had received about 360 inches (30 feet) with much more expected.

Haliburton County gets an average of roughly 280 centimetres (nine feet) of snow each year. We are close to that this winter with about 250 centimetres up to the start of this week.

Walking the snow-drowned village was scary. Street signs had disappeared beneath the snow. It was difficult to tell directions and easy to become lost in the

maze of snow passageways.

The deep snow was welcome news for Californians. The state has just been through its most severe drought in modern history. A drought state of emergency was declared by the governor in January 2014. Water use was restricted by 25 per cent and as much as 50 per cent in some places.

The Sierra Nevada mountains supply 30 per cent of California's water, so this year's heavy snowfalls are being cheered by more people than just the skiers. But there is another part of the story, one that should cause everyone to pause the cheering and think about the future.

When the mountain snowpack melts, much of the water it produces will flow out to the Pacific Ocean, never to help quench California's thirst.

The state has not built any new reservoir infrastructure in 35 years. This winter's drought-ending rains have replenished existing reservoirs, some of which are full and have begun dumping water.

The huge Lake Oroville reservoir in northern California was drained partially when its dam threatened to give way and flood populated areas. Two hundred thousand people were evacuated from the area but were allowed to return when the dam was reinforced.

So California is throwing out water while waiting for the next severe drought. And more droughts will occur. They are a recurring feature of California's climate, but appear to be becoming more severe.

Major droughts have occurred in 1929-1934, 1976-1977, 1987-1992, 2007-2009 and 2012-2016.

These dry periods hurt people, and the economy. They suck huge sums of money out of government, change ecosystems and wildlife patterns and are devastating to agriculture and the people who work in food production.

More than one-third of the United States' vegetables and two-thirds of the country's fruit and nuts are grown in California. The state's farm sales were \$54 billion in 2014, a significant industry that employs hundreds of thousands of people.

To keep that going, the state must have water. And more reservoirs are needed to store that precious mountain snowmelt and other water from being wasted.

After the weekend ski trip we returned to the San Francisco Bay area and watched the rain wash down the hillsides and pour into the ocean, causing flash flooding in some areas.

As I watched I wondered: If I lived here would I want \$30 billion spent on wall to hold back people seeking a better life, or more infrastructure to better manage water, which is the source of all life?

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letters to the editor

Thanks, doc

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Dr. Stefopoulos from the Ross Memorial Hospital, for being so kind and

helpful to me. I just want to tell everyone what a wonderful doctor he is.

Anna Budc
Minden

Let's talk about back pain...and avoiding it

APPROXIMATELY ONE IN five Canadians suffer from some form of back pain. Most often that pain comes from an imbalance of muscle strength. When my clients have reported an issue with their back it is rarely as a result of a trauma. The most common comment is "I was just putting on my socks, and then my back seized up." Has that happened to you? It has happened to me.

To avoid the pain it's necessary to follow a program of strengthening and stretching. There is research that indicates that too much of bending of the spine is not a good thing so doing exercises such as crunches / sit-ups are not a great idea unless they

are modified to reduce the bend of your back. That makes sense if you think about how aging affects our bodies (sorry folks, just speaking the truth here). Between the vertebrae of the spine there are discs that provide cushioning when you bend. Those are soft and pliable when we're young. As we age they dry out and become brittle. As an aside, how dried out and brittle they become is determined by many factors including genetics, nutrition, and you guessed it - exercise.

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Not enough natural shoreline in county: CHA

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

There is not sufficient natural shoreline within Haliburton County, not by a long shot, according to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA).

“This is a very preliminary report,” CHA chairman Paul MacInnes told Haliburton County councillors as he presented findings from the coalition’s shoreline improvement project during a Feb. 22 meeting.

Also called the Love Your Lake program, during the past three summers, the CHA has hired evaluators – typically university students in the environmental sciences – to travel lakes by boat, assessing properties based on numerous factors including development setbacks, docks, slope, invasive species, retaining walls, etc.

The results of those evaluations are then sent confidentially to property owners, with suggestions on how to better naturalize their shorelines.

An ecological report card of sorts.

Natural shorelines – those which are largely untouched, include native plant species and are free of manmade hazards such as lawns, retaining walls and docks – have a direct bearing on lake health.

They prevent erosion, provide habitat for wildlife such as fish, frogs, butterflies and benthics, and filter pollutants such as phosphorous.

Phosphorous is public enemy No. 1 when it comes to lake health in Haliburton County and is the culprit behind algae blooms. When large enough, algae blooms not only make lakes unsafe for swimming, but, in severe cases, render them effectively dead.

“Too much phosphorous in your lake, and you’re likely to get an algae bloom,” MacInnes said, adding that 95 per cent of phosphorous in county lakes comes from septic tanks, which is why proper care of septic tanks is one of the major concerns of the CHA.

While algae blooms have, up to this point, not been a major problem in Haliburton County, MacInnes told councillors there are lakes in Manitoba that are unswimmable in the summertime and some in Muskoka that cannot be swam in during the month of August.

In areas affected by algae blooms, “property values have fallen 40 to 50 per cent,” he said. “We don’t want that to happen here.”

Sometimes called “the ribbon of life,” the scientific community seems to agree that a minimum setback band of at least 30 metres of naturalized shoreline around lakes is key to their health.

At least 75 per cent of a lake’s shoreline should have this naturalized, 30-metre buffer, in order to prevent lake health from declining.

And the Haliburton County lakes evaluated through the Love Your Lake program are not meeting that target.

During the past three summers, 47 lakes in the county

have been assessed through the program, which is ongoing and will resume this summer.

Many of those 47 lakes are the larger ones in the county such as Kawagama, Kennisis and Kashagawigamog. Combined, their studied shorelines represent about 20 per cent of the total shoreline in Haliburton County, which is home to some 600 lakes.

Of the lakes assessed so far, 92 per cent of them are not meeting the 75 per cent naturalized shoreline mark. MacInnes said the average, overall, is 48 per cent.

“Far, far too low,” he said.

Not only is there a lack of understanding among many waterfront property owners about the importance of natural shorelines, MacInnes said there is also a lack of knowledge in the supply community – that is, nurseries and landscaping companies that understand the importance of using native species.

MacInnes said that among companies doing naturalized shorelines, there is now a local waiting list.

The CHA also has some demonstration sites, which residents who may have questions can go and visit.

“The demonstration sites answer those questions and soothe those concerns,” MacInnes said. “How could the county help? We don’t know. But we’re asking you look at it with your staff. When my property looked like it did, I have no idea there was anything wrong with that.”

As part of his presentations on shoreline health – MacInnes estimates he’s given 100 of them to lake associations in recent years – he uses a picture of his own property from a number of years ago, with a manicured, green lawn extending to the lake’s shore.

Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin wondered if people had actually been modifying their behaviour as the result of receiving shoreline evaluations during the past few years.

“It’s very dependent on the individual lake associations,” MacInnes replied, adding that some are more organized than others.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the county’s lower-tier townships send out an information pamphlet with this year’s tax bills, an idea that other members of council seemed to agree with.

Fearrey also suggested the townships should be looking at some kind of program that would offer a financial incentive for waterfront property owners who complete re-naturalization of their shoreline.

County council is scheduled to review its tree-clearing bylaw – that prohibits the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the shoreline – and Devolin suggested that perhaps additional measures could be built into it.

The CHA also has a program known as Lake Protector Realtors, where local real estate agents take pledges they will encourage new waterfront property owners to re-naturalize their shorelines, among other environmentally friendly activities.

For more information about the CHA and its work, visit www.cohpoa.org.

Everybody do the plank

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place you have to live.” - Jim Rohn

The plank is a wonderful exercise for strengthening the core muscles that keep us stable. That comes in handy when the roads and sidewalks get icy. And because they don’t involve the bending of the spine, like crunches do, they are safer for people who have back problems.

If you have never done the plank before start at the wall or an elevated surface like a desk or counter top. With your hands on the surface and your arms straight, walk your feet back, and keep your abdominal muscles engaged to keep your body “as straight as a board.” Hold

this position for five to 10 seconds. Walk your feet in again, and then repeat five or more times. As you get stronger there are other variations that increase the challenge. How exciting is that?!

In addition to strengthening muscles it’s equally as important to stretch the major muscles of the lower body such as the quads and glutes. When tight, these muscles will pull our bodies out of alignment and that leads to pain.

So - give that plank a try, and then enjoy some stretching time. Your goal is to be one of the Canadians that doesn’t suffer from back pain!

Something to think about.

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County council costs \$105,000 for 2016

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County council cost just more than \$105,000 to operate for 2016.

Councillors for the upper tier – county council is comprised of the reeves and deputy-reeves of each of Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships – received a report on their remuneration for last year during a Feb. 22 meeting.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who was county warden for 2016, received \$18,850 in per diem payments at the upper-tier level, charged \$1,900 in mileage and had just less than \$980 in "other" expenses for a total of just more than \$21,730.

"Other" expenses consist of conference fees, accommo-

dations and meals.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin received about \$9,800 in per diem payments, had \$940 in mileage and more than \$2,250 in other expenses for a total of just over \$13,000.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen received about \$10,800 in per diem payments, charged more than \$1,500 in mileage and had other expenses in the order of about \$600 for a total of just under \$13,000.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts received \$10,700 in payment, charged \$920 in mileage and accrued about \$1,100 in other expenses for a total of \$12,800.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge each had totals of approximately \$11,900. Fearrey received approximately \$10,420 in per diem payments, charged \$765 in mileage and had about \$710 in other expenses, while Partridge's number were \$9,760, \$1,928 and about \$215, respectively.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton received about \$9,780 in per diem payments, charged about \$1,160 in mileage and had \$130 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$11,000.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was paid \$10,280, charged \$160 in mileage and had just less than \$20 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$10,640.

Per diem payments for councillors vary based on how many council and committee meetings they attend.

Total per diem, mileage and other expenses for the four non-council members of the county's library board totalled about \$2,380 for the year.

Total expenses for the two citizen members of the county's tourism committee were less than \$1,000 and expenses for the three members of the county's land division committee totalled about \$2,300.

The four members of the county's accessibility committee had about \$1,000 in combined expenses.

County to apply for extension on community transportation project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will be applying to the Ministry of Transportation for funding to extend the community transportation project, being conducted by local transportation advocacy group Rural Transportation Options (RTO).

During the past year, the project has created a database of transportation options that exist in Haliburton County, as well as as the Haliburton Rideshare website, which encourages ride-sharing and allows drivers and those looking for a lift to make connections.

Haliburton County has no form of public transportation.

"It is difficult to track exactly how many rides have been established through the rideshare program," project co-ordinator Tina Jackson told county councillors during a Feb. 22 meeting.

While all individual trips may not be logged, the Rideshare site does have 65 registered users.

As for calls to the community transportation phone hub, the largest number were for access to services and medical reasons.

Last November, the RTO hosted a transportation summit that brought together various stakeholder groups as well as local politicians and municipal staff.

"Engagement and support of local municipalities is essential for the success of projects," said Lisa Tolentino, project lead for RTO.

Tolentino and Jackson highlighted the areas in which the transportation project links to county priorities including employment and training, economic development, environmental sustainability, poverty reduction, youth retention and the creation of aging-friendly communities.

Moving forward, the RTO is hoping to create a task force on transportation issues that would serve in an advisory capacity to the county and its townships, as well as host another summit.

The county has acted as the banker and applicant for the program previously, and the request was that the municipality continue in that role, applying for a year's extension of \$50,000, the bulk of that funding used to pay for the co-ordinator position.

Other requests were for the county to provide space and technology for task force meetings, appoint a council representative to the task force, to provide administrative support and to investigate the province's Public Transit Gas Tax Fund.

Councillors agreed the county would grant all requests, with the exception of administrative support, since it didn't have sufficient resources to provide such.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked why people would move out into the country if they didn't have transportation to get to work in the county's villages.

"There's actually a number of folks who live in town, but their employment is out of town," Jackson said, adding that employees of some the county's resorts fit into this category.

Tolentino also said there has been some conversation with the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre about starting a shuttle service.

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Schools to receive repairs

by JENN WATT
Editor

All schools in Haliburton County will be receiving up-grades of some sort over the next year.

At its committee of the whole meeting on Feb. 14, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board was presented with a \$20 million list of improvements planned for buildings across the region.

Funding for the repairs and improvements come from the school renewal grant provided by the province.

"Typically, the board does receive grants for school capital improvement each year," Catherine Shedden, communications manager for the board, told the paper via email. "In 2014-2015 we received approximately \$5.9 million, in 2015-2016 the board received approximately \$7.3 million, and this year it is significantly more at approximately \$18.4 million. This is more than double the amount received in previous years."

The remaining amount will be drawn from TLDSB reserves.

Local schools will be receiving quite a bit of that funding: \$510,000 worth of work at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School; \$305,000 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School; \$235,000 at Cardiff; \$45,000 at Stuart Baker Elementary School; \$70,000 at Wilberforce; and \$645,000 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Items up for repair or replacement include HVAC systems, fire alarm systems, improving accessibility in washrooms, improving lighting systems and replacing flooring.

Facility services meets with each school's principal annually to come up with the list of projects, Shedden explained. According to the facility condition index the board completed last year, \$125 million worth of work is needed over the next five years.

"In the normal life cycle of capital infrastructure, there will always be work done as equipment and facilities come to the end of their life cycle (eg. roofs, heating equipment)," Shedden said.

Work on local schools will be done outside of school hours – over March Break, during the summer and some evenings.

Council approves zoning changes for sustainable building business

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 23 Minden Hills council meeting.

Council passed zoning changes that will allow for the fabrication and sales of energy-efficient buildings known as passive houses, as well as a teaching facility, off of Peck Street near Bobcaygeon Road.

The business will be housed in the building that was most recently home to Minden Carquest and was previously Keaney Chrysler.

There was an open house Jan. 24 and a public meeting on Feb. 9.

While there were some concerns expressed over noise and traffic, the owners of the business have said both will be minimal.

"We are low-impact manufacturing that will use a typical wall saw and low pressure air-nailer, which is quieter than several impact guns used by mechanics," their submission reads. "Our trucking is very limited, as we will be receiving periodically materials in bulk. Shipping out our panels will be possible every two to three weeks. Trucks are present for a couple of hours and will be asked not to idle, as we have a no-idle zone on the property."

Revisiting tipping fee change

Proposed fee changes that would lower the amount operators of compactor trucks have to pay at the landfill have created some controversy and will come back before councillors during their March committee-of-the-whole meeting.

A staff reported has recommended that the fee for unsorted cubic yard of waste be dropped from the regular \$50 to \$35 in cases of compactor trucks.

While the charge for a sorted cubic yard of waste is \$25, it is increased if attendants determine the load is contaminated.

During an earlier meeting, environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram told council that all loads are contaminated to some degree and creating a flat fee of \$35 per cubic yard in cases of compactor trucks could lessen disagreements between truck operators and landfill staff.

There was a public meeting on the proposed fee change last week and Brigitte Gall, the former Minden Hills councillor who's now a consultant for Highlands Environmental, which provides landfill attendant services at Minden Hills' waste disposal sites, took issue with the proposal.

"We want that landfill to last as long as it can and that's why we ask everyone to do the right thing," Gall said, adding that the proposed change would really just benefit one company and that it seemed like ratepayers would essentially be giving that company a tax subsidy.

A letter from a Minden Hills resident agreed with that sentiment, writing that the change would be "unfair and discriminatory" to residents, who could be charged more for a pickup truck load of waste than the company would be paying.

"The company that is benefitting from this policy is primarily a monopoly," the letter read.

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Red Hawks junior volleyball player Dakota MacDonald serves against the Astros of École Secondaire Publique Marc Garneau during the COSSA tournament on Thursday, Feb. 23 in Haliburton. The Hawks dropped their first match and second match, but rallied to beat St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School to claim third place. /DARREN LUM Staff

Juniors finish third at COSSA

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks junior girls' volleyball team can hold their heads up high after hosting COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championship on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Finishing third at COSSA came down to a single match with Kawartha A rivals, St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School Titans in the Hawks' last match.

The Hawks hung on to win, taking the first game 25-22 and closed out the match with a 25-18 win to finish COSSA with four points behind second seed Quinte school École secondaire publique Marc Garneau from Trenton. Marc Garneau lost 16-14 in the third and deciding game in a stunner to Quinte top seed Quinte Christian High School. The champions were losing 14-11, facing match point before their five point run to win the best-of-three match to capture the COSSA title.

Coach Steve Smith loved his team's effort in this championship on home court.

"The girls were excited to be here and I was excited to coach them. It was great to host and the girls rose to the occasion," he said.

He cannot recall the last time the Hawks hosted COSSA.

Getting to see the COSSA trophy with past winning schools, which included Haliburton back in 2000, etched on it provided the Hawks players motivation against Marc Garneau, their first opponent.

"It was a momentum thing in volleyball. Sometimes the momentum swings back and

forth and the girls would really like to get rid of the basketball net," he said, smiling.

Several passes hit the low hanging net, which was located on one side of the court.

"Actually, that was a common theme throughout the whole tournament was the basketball net. It was equal on both sides. The net being an issue for both teams," he said.

The home team was close in both sets, losing by a combined 10 points. The score was 0-2 (21-25 and 19-25). In the Red Hawks' second match against eventual COSSA champions Quinte Christians, the score was 0-2 (10-25 and 17-25).

This year Smith was coach of the entire volleyball program, leading the senior and junior teams.

He has already been in contact with a likely candidate expected to take over the seniors while he will remain with the juniors only.

Next year's junior team will experience a "change of guard."

Only four players will return to the team from this year, Smith said.

"It's going to be building again. That's the nature of junior ball. You build and start from square one. You start the program we have in place and continue to see success," he said.

After a two-year hiatus from coaching, Smith welcomed the opportunity to have a chance to host COSSA. He appreciated being able to work with the girls this season.

"The girls worked hard. They worked their butts off and [had] success," he said. "It's been good. It's been fun."

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Province passes bill to end winter disconnections

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

Last week the province of Ontario passed legislation that will make it illegal for utility companies to disconnect people during the winter months.

Called the Protecting Vulnerable Energy Consumers Act, the bill gives power to the Ontario Energy Board to stop winter disconnections, a move Hydro One has already voluntarily begun implementing.

Executive vice president of customer care and corporate affairs at Hydro One, Ferio Pugliese told the Haliburton Echo the company began a winter relief program in December 2016 to reconnect customers who had overdue and unpaid bills.

The program was implemented out of the company's intent to become more customer service oriented, said Pugliese.

"We undertook a review of all of our policies," he said. "Now that we've moved to be a privately held company one of the things that we put together as a strategy is to be customer focused and customer centric ... reconnections and our whole collections process was part of that review."

The vice-president said the company already had a moratorium in place on winter disconnections, however Hydro One wanted to take it a step further and look at those customers who were going into winter already disconnected.

"What we discovered was that in many cases these people were disconnected because they had arrears or were unable to service their bills and we found it was because our collections processes were rather stringent and so we loosened those up to allow them more flexibility to get them to actually pay their bills over a longer period of time."

Pugliese said some of these customers had been disconnected for more than six months.

As of Feb. 22, there were less than 90 customers throughout Ontario who had not taken advantage of Hydro One's winter relief program, according to a news release.

Pugliese said the company has made many efforts to contact those who are still disconnected, but have been unable to reach those customers.

More than 1,400 customers had been identified through the program. Slightly more than 1,000 were either unoccupied properties or customers who did not require connection. A total of 316 customers were successfully reconnected.

"As part of the program, Hydro One waived all reconnection fees and worked directly with each customer to develop a payment plan and, where appropriate, enrolled them into assistance programs, such as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, the Ontario Electricity Support Program, the Home Assistance Program and other services," says the news release.

Pugliese said the goal of the program is to not only get people reconnected but to sustain their reconnection, through case management and working with the customers directly.

"What we want to ensure is that when they're making payments, the payments are not just going to paying for the monthly bill, it's also going to pay the arrears too ... so that they an affordably service that debt," he said.

For northern Ontario, which encompasses the area north of Nipissing/Sudbury, Hydro One defines winter as hap-

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What we at Heat Bank know about the downside to this legislation is that this will likely cause a peak of disconnection notices in the spring as utility companies use the threat of disconnection—and actual disconnections—to collect arrears on outstanding accounts.

— TINA JACKSON, HEAT BANK HALIBURTON COUNTY

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pening from November to May. For the remainder of the province, winter is from December to April.

The vice-president could not comment on if the program was a response to the recent legislation passed by the Ontario government, but said he supports the decision made by the province.

"We've been advocating for customers ever since we've been a privately held organization. We've been pushing hard to say the customer is part of this business and comes first," he said.

Approximately 70 per cent of Hydro One is owned by the provincial government, with about 28 per cent of shares sold to the private sector since November 2015. According to reports, the provincial government plans to sell 60 per cent of the utility.

Heat Bank Haliburton County co-ordinator Tina Jackson said while the move from the province is a step in the right direction, she would like to see more done to help people struggling with their bills.

"What we at Heat Bank know about the downside to this legislation is that this will likely cause a peak of disconnection notices in the spring as utility companies use the threat of disconnection—and actual disconnections—to collect arrears on outstanding accounts. Until the cost of electricity is made to be affordable to the consumer, the energy crisis that we are seeing right now will continue. A more impactful, immediate response that could be taken would be to expand the Ontario Electricity Support Program to provide larger credits for a greater number of consumers," she said in an email to the Echo.

Jackson said the news is encouraging for those who do not depend on Hydro One, as they will now also be protected during the winter months.

"I was certainly happy to hear that the province has taken action to legally prevent electricity providers from issuing winter disconnections and even happier that the Ontario Energy Board has banned the use of load limiters (a small device that controls the amount of electricity output) for the balance of this winter. This will help to keep people across Ontario safely housed during our coldest months and will certainly help to ease some of the stress associated with living on a low income and having to juggle bills. However, as our region is predominately serviced by Hydro One who has already been voluntarily abstaining from total winter disconnections for years, this will not impact our community as much as it will communities that are serviced by smaller utility companies," she said.

Other parts of Canada already have similar disconnec-

tion programs in place.

According to the Canadian Press, Hydro Quebec and SaskPower won't disconnect power during the winter months. Nova Scotia Power won't disconnect if temperatures are forecasted to dip below zero degrees for five days or longer.

Jackson encourages anyone in Haliburton County who has a load limiter installed to contact the Heat Bank office at 705-306-0565 or local MPP Laurie Scott's constituency office at 705-324-6654 for support in getting hydro restored.



Mustangs stomp Hawks

Crestwood Mustangs defender Jake Herron, left, battles for position with Red Hawks centremen Mat Wilbee during Kawartha first round playoff action on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Mustangs eliminated the Hawks with a 3-2 overtime win and won the best-of-three series 2-0. The Hawks Owen Smith scored both goals in the loss./DARREN LUM Staff

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Hawks OFSAA representation historic

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks coaching staff of Dan Fockler and Paul Klose are ecstatic for their wrestlers earning their first berths to the all-provincials.

Never before in the program's history have they sent eight representatives to OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association).

Second year wrestler Chloe Samson had a large smile, talking about her first berth to compete from March 1 to 3 in Brampton.

"I really wanted to [make it] last year and I thought it was going to be a possibility, but then I ended up getting challenged and I lost so I couldn't make [OFSAA]. It was very disappointing, but when I made it this year I was crying I was so happy," she said.

After she lost her gold medal match at COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on Feb. 16 in Trenton) and hurt her head, she was upset and worried about a repeat of the year before. But the challenge didn't come and her dream came true, albeit a year later.

Klose calls this a "cohesive group and they worked well all year."

He adds it was a "fun year" to coach this group.

Unlike last year when there were six wrestlers in two weight classes, the team covered the full gamut of wrestling weight classes from 41 kilograms up to 89 kilograms. This helped with team results and prevented Hawks wrestlers from having to compete against each other.

Grade 12 Dylan Freake is the eldest of the group, but it is his first year wrestling.

The next two senior wrestlers are Matt Manning, who finished second and Emily Klose, who finished third. They are both in Grade 11 and have another year of eligibility.

"For the most part, we're looking at it as a growth year for these young people to see the tournament and that can only make them better for the next year," Klose said.

Although taking eight athletes is an achievement, there will be schools with larger contingents in an event that boasts upwards of 800 wrestlers, coach Klose said. Getting to repre-



Red Hawks wrestlers Aidan Coles, left, Chloe Sampson, Hannah Riopelle, Noelle Dupret-Smith, Matt Manning, Emily Klose, Dylan Freake and Karissa Riopelle are advancing to OFSAA this year. This is the largest contingent for HHSS ever to advance to the all-provincials./DARREN LUM Staff

sent COSSA with other schools from our area diminishes the daunting nature of the large field of competition and enables Hawks wrestlers to support COSSA competitors from other schools.

The other wrestlers advancing are Noelle Dupret-Smith, who finished second and Emily Klose and Karissa Riopelle, both third at COSSA.

There is a fulfilling satisfaction for Aidan Coles, who finished second at COSSA to punch his ticket to the all-provincials.

"After practicing all year and finally having all the effort and blood and sweat and tears you put into it to finally get rewarded is such an amazing feeling," he said.

The second year wrestler in Grade 10 believes improvement can only come from his experience wrestling among the best in the province.

The excellence displayed by the girls on the team has been a constant this season, Klose said.

As a team, they have shone.

"They won the Kawartha championship and were second at COSSA, which was awesome. There is a good core and they just feed off each other in the mat room. That takes them further at higher end competitions. We'll see what they do at OFSAA," he said.

One of those girls is Hannah Riopelle, who is a rookie and a Grade 9 athlete.

She didn't have to compete at COSSA because there wasn't an opponent in her weight class.

However she had to get into that position by winning Kawartha. Earning a spot at the all-provincials didn't cross her mind then, except for her coach telling her it was possible, but she still welcomes the opportunity to compete.

"I'm scared, but, I think maybe I'll [face a wrestler with the same anxiety] because maybe they made it the same way I did. I'm just happy there are more people to wrestle," she said.

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Left, Red Hawks snowboarder Lucas Haedicke was fourth fastest among boys./DARREN LUM Staff

<div> <div> MARCH BREAK at the SG Nesbitt Arena </div> <div>  </div> </div>				
MONDAY 13th	TUESDAY 14th	WEDNESDAY 15th	THURSDAY 16th	FRIDAY 17th
1:00-3:00 PUBLIC SKATING	12:00-2:00 ADULT SKATE	12:00-2:00 PUBLIC SKATING	12:00-2:00 ADULT SKATE	12:00-1:00 PUBLIC SKATING
3:00-4:00 BROOMBALL <i>Helmets required</i>	2:00-4:00 PUBLIC SKATING	2:00-3:00 BROOMBALL <i>Helmets required</i>	2:00-4:00 PUBLIC SKATING	
	4:00-5:00 SHINNY (<i>ages 14-17</i>) <i>Protective gear required</i>	3:00-4:00 SHINNY (<i>ages 8-13</i>) <i>Protective gear required</i>	4:00-5:00 SHINNY (<i>ages 8-13</i>) <i>Protective gear required</i>	
			5:00-6:00 SHINNY (<i>ages 14-17</i>) <i>Protective gear required</i>	

MINOR HOCKEY

Jets rise above Ennismore Eagles

The Parkview Dental/Canadian Tire Bantam Girls Jets beat the Ennismore Eagles on Sunday, Feb. 26 afternoon in Bancroft. The game was fast paced with both teams exchanging chances at both ends of the rink.

Early in the first period of the game, Haley Goulet started off the scoring with a top right corner shot assisted by Mackala O'Connor. The Eagles evened the score with 48 seconds on the clock to end the first 1-1. Ennismore scored again early into the second period taking the lead over the Jets. Despite all of their efforts the girls were unable to put one past the Eagles goalie and were scoreless throughout the second. Ennismore edged ahead, making it a 2-1 game.

Determined and wanting the win, the Jets persevered and added two to the scoreboard halfway through the third. Kennedy Croskery scored, assisted by Paige Billings, and Beth Brownlee scored with a back handed goal assisted by Marissa Cannon. It was now 3-2 in favour of the Jets. Both teams continued to skate and work hard but it was Ennismore who would score to tie the game 3-3. With the crowd on the edge of their seats, with two minutes left, Hannah McMann pumped a top left corner shot into the net securing a Jets' win. Cannon assisted on the goal. Final score, Jets 4, Eagles 3. Courtney Semach had a solid game in net for the Jets.

The team will play on home ice this Thursday at 7 p.m. against the Peterborough Ice Kats. The weekend will see the Jets play back-to-back games against first place Otonabee Wolverines. On Saturday the team travels to Keene for a game at 7 p.m., and will play their first place rivals again at home on Sunday at the NHCC at 4:30 p.m. Go Jets Go!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Five game winning streak for midget Jets' team

The Bancroft I.D.A. / Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls Jets team hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Saturday afternoon in Bancroft in their continued bid to get to the All-Ontario Provincial Championship.

Bancroft needed a "must win" to even their record with the Comets to a win each in their round robin provincial playdowns. The Jets came out flying and pressured Cold Creek from the opening face-off. Bancroft's attack led to the opening goal midway through the first period where Katie Funk's wrist assisted by Jules Croskery, beat the Comet tender high glove. The 1 - 0 lead sparked the Jets, and late in the first period, Croskery finished off a fo-

cused and hard-working shift with line-mates Shpikula and Funk to give Bancroft a 2 - 0 lead. Bancroft finished up the second period with their third unanswered goal when Danielle Sunstrum tucked the puck home with just 19 seconds left in the frame, assisted by Little and Marsden. The Jets kept their focus, including Katie Hoover's clutch efforts to help secure the 3 - 0 shutout win. The "must win" keeps the Jets' provincial hopes alive.

Bancroft wrapped up their provincial playdowns in Cobourg Sunday night against the Northumberland Wild. The Jets needed a win to try and secure their bid for the All-Ontario Championships in April.

Jamie Little put the Wild on their heels early when she tucked home a short side beauty on the first shift of the game to give Bancroft a 1 - 0 lead. The Wild tied the game late in the first. The Jets continued their team-focused pressured attack and took the lead back with Little's (second snipe) one-timer off the post from Marsden. The Wild never quit and found another equalizing goal early in the second period, tipping a shot into the net for a 2 - 2 tie. Both teams battled and pressured the rest of the game to try and find that next goal. Midway through the third period, Tori Shpikula scored the game winning 3 - 2 goal when she beat the Wild tender off a dandy dish from Katie Funk. The Jets finished their provincial playdowns on a five-game winning streak and a goal differential of plus-seven against Cold Creek. Bancroft waits to see the outcome between the Wild and the Comets to determine their entry into the All-Ontario Provincial Championship in April.

Great team "play-offs" effort girls! Keep the focus as we take on Keene in our second round of our League Finals Thursday night on the round in game one.

Game two is Saturday night, March 4, at 5 pm in Bancroft. Game three - if needed - will be Sunday afternoon, March 5, in Bancroft at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Stars end novice Storm run in semi-finals

On Friday Feb. 24 the Haliburton Timber Mart / Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team travelled to Wasaga Beach to take on the Stars in game one of the All-Ontario semi-finals. The Storm were slow to get going but managed to play even with the Stars for the first period. But shortly into the second the Stars began to dominate the game. The Storm were unable to respond and were kept off the scoreboard. They dropped the

opening game of the series.

On Saturday Feb. 25 the novices hosted the Wasaga Beach Stars for the second playoff game. The Storm skated much better this game. Jace Mills scored the first goal of the game giving the Storm an early lead. The Stars responded, tying the game 1-1. Brechin Johnston scored another goal for the Storm with an assist by Caleb Manning, giving the Storm the lead. It was end-to-end action for three periods. The Stars took the lead late in the second period. The Storm dropped game two to Wasaga Beach 6-2 and were put in a must win situation for Sunday.

The novice team travelled back to Wasaga Beach on Sunday Feb. 26 for game three of the playoff series. The Storm came out strong and were relentless in their pursuit of the puck in both ends. Solid defense and excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm in tight with the Stars. The Storm put forth their best team performance of this series but unfortunately could not contain the Stars' fire power. A late goal by Johnston brought the Storm closer. However the Storm lost their final playoff game 3-1.

Congratulations to the novices on making it to the All Ontario semi-finals. All players should be extremely proud of their hardwork and dedication. It was a privilege to watch these boys improve and develop as a team throughout the season. You made us all proud. To coaches: Darryl Winder, Greg Scheffee, Jamie Johnston and Justin Rowden - thank you for all your time and dedication. To our manager Amanda Manning - a huge thank you for all the time spent planning and organizing team events. It was a wonderful

season, be proud of your accomplishments. The novice team members are: Brady Burch, Liam Harrison, Brechin Johnston, Evan Jones, Austin Latanville, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, MacLean Rowden, Josh Scheffee, Parker Simms, and Chase Winder.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Peewees battle, but season ends

On Friday Feb. 25th the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees hosted the Penetang Flames in game two of the series. With the Storm down 1-0 in the series they were looking to tie it up. The first period saw both teams battle back and forth with Darian Maddock keeping his team in the game. The first period ended with no score. The second period the Flames of Penetanguishene scored to put them ahead 1-0 going into the third. The Flames scored again half way through the third to put them up 2-0. The Storm tried everything they could, pulling the goalie to try to get back into the game but the Flames netted an empty netter. With the goalie back in, the Storm took a rush back to the Penetangs' net. Kyan Hall scored assisted by Colin Glecoff and Dylan Keefer. With less than a minute left in the game the Storm pulled the goalie again trying everything they could with every last second left but fell short. So when the final buzzer rang, the Storm lost 3-1.

Submitted by Ron Hall

see PEEWEE page 16

Events

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS YOUTH SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION WEEK

at the Minden Community Centre

Monday March 6th: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday March 7th: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday March 8th: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday March 9th: 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Peewee Jets soaring, win two via shutout

from page 15

After having a weekend off of hockey, the Leveque Brothers / Rock Breakers Peewee girls travelled to Cobourg Friday night to take on the West Northumberland Wild. The Jets picked up where they left off and dominated the game keeping the play in the Wilds' end. The Jets picked up the two points with a 6-0 victory. Goals were scored by Peyton Armstrong, three, Emma Tidey, two, and Ava Smith. Assist going to Chloe Billings.

On Saturday the girls were in Otonabee to take on the Wolverines. The girls skated hard and made some great passing plays to defeat Otonabee 3-0. Goals scored by Trista Young, Billings and Ryan Rupnow. Assists going to Armstrong (2), Mackenzie Hudder, Tidey and Billings.

On Sunday the girls played at home

taking on their division rivals the Peterborough Ice Kats. In what was proving to be a great game the girls finally opened the scoring early in the second period by a squeaker scored by Armstrong and assisted by M. Hudder. With only a one goal lead going into the third the fans were on the edge of their seat until late in the third Emma Tidey, unassisted, scored the insurance goal. Armstrong potted one more before the period ended, assisted by Hailey Hudder, to give the girls the 3-0 and important win over the Ice Kats. Bella Smolen turned away all shots she faced on the weekend for her fourth shut-out of the Playdowns.

Come cheer on the girls as they take on the Ennismore Eagles at home in Bancroft Saturday March 4th at 4 p.m.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Draper's rink advances to COSSA championship

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

The Red Hawks boys' curling team is heading to the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championships after overcoming early adversity.

The team of skip, Chris Draper, vice, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, second, Josh Colicchia and lead, Brian Wheeler won four games in a row after dropping its opener to Cobourg 7-5 at the Kawartha championship on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Omemee.

Hawks school coach Russ Duhaime said the team rallied to earn their COSSA berth.

"The boys played very well, especially in the final against Holy Cross. We decided to play a very defensive game and wait for Holy Cross to get frustrated and take some chances. It wasn't until the seventh end that we were able to capitalize on their misses and steal the lead. I was impressed with their patience. It's a very mature style of play and makes for nail-biting games," he wrote in an email.

Besides Duhaime, the team's coach is Ron Draper.

The team's wins were against St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School 9-2, Cobourg, 7-6, I.E. Weldon 9-1 and Holy Cross 3-1.

The Hawks squad earned the second of two spots at COSSA on March 6. Fenelon Falls Secondary School won the tournament and will be the top seed from the area.

With files from Russ Duhaime



The Red Hawks boys' curling team lead, Brian Wheeler, left back, skip Chris Draper, Josh Colicchia, left front, and vice, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin have advanced to COSSA because of an impressive display of resiliency. They won four consecutive games after dropping their opening game at the Kawartha championship on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Omemee. They enter COSSA as the second seed from Kawartha. Submitted by Russ Duhaime

Notices



External Posting - Employment Opportunity
The Community Services Department is looking for a

Casual Program Instructor

The Casual Program Instructor provides support to, and helps deliver a variety of after-school, March Break and Summer Day Camp youth workshops and programs at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the Township under the supervision of the Cultural Centre Curator, Director of Community Services or designate(s).

This casual position is based on a maximum of a 24-hour work week, including variable shifts. Additional hours per week, to a maximum of 48 hours every 2 weeks, may be required for special projects.

Qualifications:

Experience in group management, in any environment, of up to 10 or more individuals, working with both children ages 4-12 and adults, is required. A minimum of two (2) year's experience teaching in a class room or cultural institution setting, including direct programming, is an asset.

Possession of a minimum of Grade 12 and valid standard First Aid & CPR/AED certification is required. A post-secondary education in Visual Arts or Education and the successful completion of a four semester (2 year) teacher education program are assets.

The successful individual will be engaging and versatile with an ability to work in a variety of mediums, as well as a basic knowledge of the arts and various art materials. Preference will be given to those with public speaking, presentation, planning/time management and organizational skills.

Prior to the final selection for this position, the applicant shall be required to provide, at their own expense, a background check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate Police Force.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon **Thursday March 9, 2017** to:

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Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne St, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Detailed Position Descriptions can be obtained from www.mindenhills.ca or by contacting the Deputy Clerk/ Administrative Assistant at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

If you are contacted by the Township of Minden Hills regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

Persons with a disability preventing them from applying on-line should contact the undersigned to discuss alternative solutions.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**



IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- 1. File No. PLSRA2016008:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 32, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9944, registered January 10, 2017.
- 2. File No. PLSRA2016060:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9945, registered January 10, 2017.
- 3. File No. PLSRA2017004:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Moore Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9953, registered January 20, 2017.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, March 9, 2017** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2017.**

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this March 2, 2017

Polar plunge winners

DORSETNEWS

Melissa Alfano
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Results of the second annual Dorset Polar Plunge that took place during the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival are in. A big thank you to the 29 brave souls who accepted the challenge and took the plunge! Emma McDonald won best individual costume, The Three Little Pigs won best group costume and winners of the most pledges raised were Indigo and Dwayne. The youngest participant was seven year old Ashley Weekes who plunged along with her grandmother Sheila Chambers. Thanks also to everyone who came out to support the plungers and to all those who organized the event and also got in the frigid waters to provide safety for the participants!

Dorset Polar Plunge limited edition T-shirts are still available to purchase and proceeds will support the Dorset Lions Club Centennial Park Project. If you are interested in a shirt, email infodorsetpolarplunge@gmail.com or call Chris Keene at 705-349-1317. T-shirts are \$15 each.

African Hand Drumming Classes that normally take place on Wednesdays at the Dorset Recreation Centre are temporarily on hold until later in the spring. If you would like more information about drumming activities in Dorset, please contact Gillian at gilliant07@gmail.com or 705-571-2539.

There is a new day and time for the Dorset "Koffee Klatch". Starting on Saturday, March 4, Koffee Klatch will take place on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. What is it? Participants meet for coffee, treats, social time and knitting, crocheting or whatever craft you like to do (adult colouring supplies are also available). Yarn, needles, hooks

and refreshments are provided. Create items for yourself or donate for fundraising initiatives. Koffee Klatch meets in the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library (located in the recreation centre). The Dorset Recreation Centre daily guest fee applies or participation is free with a current membership.

All Dorset Snowball volunteers and sponsors (and those interested in volunteering in 2018!) are invited to the annual Dorset Snowball Wrap Up party on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Now that the 27th Snowball is behind us it is time to build on this year's success and start planning for 2018 (which also falls on the Family Day Weekend). Let's share our observations for this year's carnival and take the opportunity to put our ideas together for 2018 while they are still fresh in our minds. Please join us for our annual wrap up celebration where will chat about past years with an eye towards the future. The wrap up will feature the traditional wrap up menu "Snowball Special Baked Mac & Cheese" (gluten free available). Thank you for all your support and hard work. Be sure to bring your appetite and your best ideas and suggestions. We need your input!! Please call the rec centre at 705-766-9968 if you plan to attend.

Katie at the Dorset Health Hub has shared some information for us. Do you want to quit smoking cigarettes? The STOP program delivers research-based, cost free smoking cessation workshops in local communities. Eligible participants will be able to attend an educational session and receive a five week course of nicotine patches. The workshop is being held on Monday, March 27 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. To find out more, contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at 1-877-721-7520. Confidentiality is assured.

Happy Birthday to Ted Morris and Aubrey Keown. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca

Bowling Scores

Tuesday Afternoon Feb. 21

Men

High Average Claude Cote 207
High Single Nick Biljetina 250
High Single H/C Nick Biljetina 294
High Triple Claude Cote 646
High Triple H/C Nick Biljetina 719

Women

High Average Chris Cote 195
High Single Chris Cote 259
High Single H/C Chris Cote 284
High Triple Chris Cote 648
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Events

Spring Is the Sweetest Time of the Year
at the Haliburton Highlands Museum!

March 11th - 19th from 10am-5pm

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Victorian Games Afternoon

Tuesday, March 14th 1-3pm

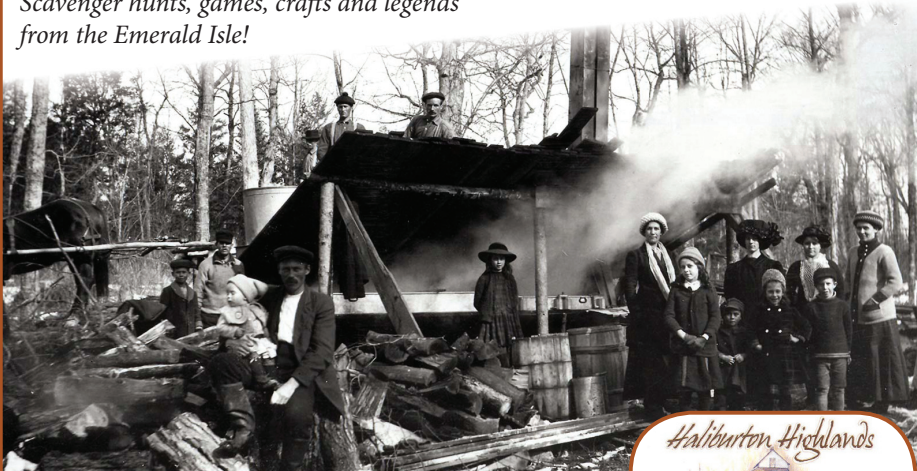
The kind of games kids in Haliburton would have over 100 years ago – no batteries required!

Meet and Greet with the Horses of South Algonquin Trails, Wednesday, March 15th 1-3pm

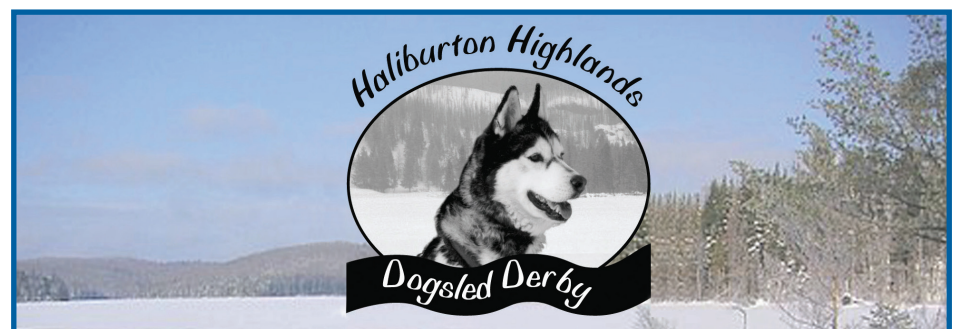
The horses of South Algonquin Trails are coming west to Glebe Park on a March Break holiday! This is a great opportunity for kids and adults alike to learn more about these sweet and majestic creatures!

Life of a Leprechaun Friday, March 17th, 1-3pm

Scavenger hunts, games, crafts and legends from the Emerald Isle!



For more information, call 705-457-2760 or
e-mail info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com



Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby March 4-5, 2017 Pinestone Resort

Friday March 3rd

7 pm Registration (outside Highlanders Pub)
8 pm Welcome & Bib Draw (Highlanders Pub)

Saturday March 4th

7:30 am Late Registration (Kinmount Room)
8 am Drivers Meeting
9 am 1 dog Ski-joring
10:30 AM Lion's BBQ
10:15 am 4 Dog Race
11:45 am 2 Dog Skijoring
12:45 pm Kid & Mutt
1:15 pm 6 Dog Race
2:30 pm Youth Race
3:15 pm 8 Dog Race

Sunday March 5th

7:30 am Drivers Meeting
8:30 am 1 dog skijoring
9:45 am 4 dog race
11:15 am 2 dog skijoring
12:15 pm 6 Dog race
1:30 pm Youth Race
2:15 pm 8 Dog Race
4 pm Presentations

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UPCOMING
**Community
Events**

Local concert in support of YWCA
When: Saturday March 4, 2pm - 5 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George Street, Haliburton
The Two-Bit 3some and Friends with special appearances from local musicians
Bake Sale at Intermission. All Donations will be doubled!
For more information, contact Georgia: 705-306-9694

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary Annual Fundraiser, “Go Wild 4 Wildlife”
When: Saturday March 4th
Where: Pinestone Resort
Come on out for a nice buffet dinner, bid on some incredible silent auction item and dance the night away to fabulous music by the Carl Dixon Trio and special guest Jeff Moulton.
All proceeds from this fundraiser help the sanctuary care for the 100's of orphaned and injured wildlife they admit each year, and this year they are raising funds to build a large flight enclosure for rehabilitating birds of prey. Help Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary save our wildlife...one animals at a time.
Don't delay! Last year's event was sold out! Tickets are only \$45 pp and available through their website at www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca or can be reserved at the door by contacting Monika at 705 286-1133.

Minden & District Horticultural Society, March General Meeting
When: March 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St. Minden
Guest Speaker: Leora Berman, The Land Between
For more info: minden@gardenontario.org
Refreshment theme: “Crazy for Coconut!” We welcome your coconut treats

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic
When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!
When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes “hoo” in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Razzamataz Kids Shows
When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers
When: Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon
Where: Abbey gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr. Haliburton (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)
Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester
Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes soup (payment may be made online or in person on the day of the event)

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Notice



NOTICE
2017 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

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Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

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On and after **March 1st**, check the County of Haliburton website www.haliburtoncounty.ca under “Notices” to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted. Or consult our new Road Closures App. under the GIS Maps tab.

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Solutions



NOTICE
ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby provided that Council proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for

Thursday, March 9, 2017

The meeting will be held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall located at 1095 North Shore Road.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2017.

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Popular YA authors to speak in Haliburton

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School White Pine Book Club and Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are pleased to present authors E.K. Johnston (*Exit Pursued by a Bear* and *A Thousand Nights*) and Erin Bow (*The Scorpion Rules* and *The Swan Riders*) at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 3, at 1 p.m.

Space is limited so reservations are required. To reserve your free seat please contact Haliburton County Public

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Snowdon fights political wildfire over protection services

If George Simmons' political career goes up in flames, which fire department will be called to put it out?

Snowdon Township's Reeve says he put his political career on the line when he recommended that Dysart's fire department should cover all of Snowdon Township. His phone has been ringing off the hook for the past week with angry residents demanding that some alternative be found.

The reeve says this is the most difficult challenge he has faced during his career in municipal politics. He's determined to work through it, but acutely aware of the consequences of failure.

"I'll either solve it or I'll be a Brian Mulroney and be ousted."

However, after a special meeting to re-address the issue last Thursday, council was still torn.

The options are clear. Snowdon can negotiate a deal with Minden to

have its fire department cover a portion of the township or it can buy total coverage from Dysart and allow residents to absorb the resulting hikes in their home insurance rates.

Fire coverage for Snowdon Township has been an ongoing headache for the past four years. Up until 1989, Snowdon bought its fire protection from four neigh-

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Decisions will be made by board, not planning committee

The health care planning committee will not be involved in any decisions to close the Minden Hospital, one member stated last Tuesday.

Action on recommendations coming from the current hospital study will ultimately be the responsibility of the executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, said Michael Collins.

Although the study, which is now underway, is overseen by the committee, action on any recommendations to reduce present hospital facilities is not their responsibility, said Collins.

"If the proposal said close Minden's hospital, I assure you these are not the people who can do that," Collins told his fellow committee members. He said the only person who can do that is Frank Lussing, the executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Committee chairman Jack Brezina, however, said such decisions rest with the hospital board, not Lussing.

Collins' comments were in response to a letter from Lussing to Minden area doctors. In his letter, Lussing refused to predict the future of Minden's hospital until recommendations are made by the planning and development committee.

The dialogue all stems from the fear that Minden may lose its hospital. The doctors were looking for a guarantee that it will remain open. However, the only promise Lussing would offer is that nothing will be decided until the study is complete.

Consultants chosen

The study is now underway and members of the planning and development committee had the opportunity to meet the consultants last Tuesday.

Coulson and Associates is the firm hired to carry out the work. They have an ambitious 12-week time frame to carry

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Winter weather returned to the Highlands last week, building perfect sledding conditions on the hill behind Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Bret Katy and Mark Mattsson took advantage of the great weather Sunday to spend some time speeding down the hill and flying over a ramp they built.

Highland Road becomes Highland Road West

Name change to end confusion

by Andy Holloway

Highland Road in Minden Township will be getting a name change after Minden council accepted Stanhope's request to change it.

The road will now be known as Highland Road West while the Highland Road in Stanhope Township remains unchanged.

The request came about after Helen Henderson who lives on Highland Road near Hall's Lake asked Stanhope council if they could get Minden to change the name of its Highland Road just south of

Carnarvon.

In a letter to Stanhope, Henderson said having two roads named the same in such close proximity could cause confusion, particularly for fire departments who would have to sort out which Highland Road was meant. Stanhope's fire department coverage area includes both Highland Roads.

At Stanhope's council meeting last Wednesday Reeve Fred Gardner said it did not make sense to have two roads with the same name, especially within the same fire coverage zone.

"I can't believe MTO (Ministry of Transportation) would allow to have

two roads named Highland Road both entering Highway 35 and in such close proximity to each other," said Gardner.

However, the name change did not take place without a struggle. Minden's road committee told council that it did not want the road's name changed. Councillor Jean Anthon then suggested a compromise by calling one of the roads Highland Road 1 and the other Highland Road 2.

Finally, Gerry Rome suggested that Minden's road be called Highland Road West. This was met with approval by the other councillors.

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At Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, ON
On Tuesday February 14, 2017 in her 79th year

Loving Mother of Derek (Kim) and Nichole. Loving Grandmother of Dawn, Joshua, Tyrell, Tristan, C'asia and Great Granddaughter Ivy. Loving sister of Glen, Eileen, Gary, Ross, Randy and Paul (deceased). Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 4th from 2-4 pm at The Haven of Rest Chapel, 1449 Old Donald Road, Haliburton. Visitation 2-3 pm, Service at 3 pm. (Luncheon to follow)

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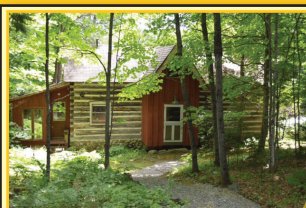
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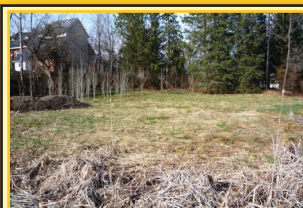
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- Rare opportunity to own half of your own lake
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- 8 bedrooms, 6 baths, on 1.89 acres
- Large decks, 3 levels of living space
- 290 ft of clean shoreline on a point lot

**Lots of Potential \$69,900**

- Ideal for home, duplex, apartment building or condos
- Services available at the lot line

**RIGHT IN HALIBURTON****Commercial \$299,000**

- Clean & tidy 3000 Sq. Ft. building
- Fully Finished, currently used as a church
- Ideal for a studio, retail or offices!

**SOLD OUT 2016****Kennisis Lake Office**

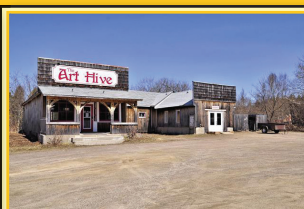
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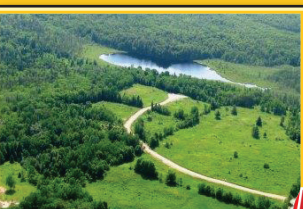
- Established recreational/sporting goods business
- Turnkey operation, attractive leasing terms
- Contact Tom Ecclestone for further details

**The Art Hive \$249,000**

- Great location, Hwy exp., 4 areas: Gift Shop, 2+ bdrm apartment, Workshop, Full basement

**HWY EXP****Haliburton Office \$224,900**

- 6 offices, 2 washrooms, a board room, kitchen
- Easy access, good parking, accessible building

**BUILDING LOTS****Gainforth Starting at \$40,000**

- Executive estate neighbourhood; Large lots
- 42 acres of shared parkland & a pond
- A quiet country setting with south exp

**VACANT LOT****Gull River \$99,900**

- Almost 400 ft of frontage, 3 lake chain
- Just off year round road, 15 mins to Haliburton

**Reynolds Rd starting at \$43,000**

- Two lots available, one 3.75 Acres & one 4.47 Acres
- Both back onto Blairhampton Golf Course

**SOLD OUT****Sold Out In 2016**

- List now to ensure your spot in the 2017 Cottage Life Show.

**36 ACRES****Ridgeview Road \$199,000**

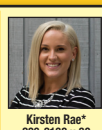
- Large acreage featuring panoramic views of Haliburton village! Build your private estate or develop!

**GREAT LOCATION****Minden Home \$248,000**

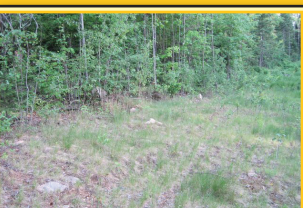
- Newly renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath
- Open concept with Chef's kitchen
- Central location close to Gull River

**22 ACRES****Family Home \$205,000**

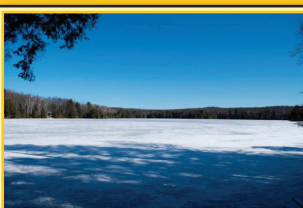
- 3 bdrms, 2 baths, Den & Children's playroom
- Private and close to Haliburton Village
- Plus Propane Furnace, Woodstove & Fireplace

**JUST LISTED****In Town w/Acreage \$274,900**

- Gorgeous century log home on 8 acres
- With pond & oversized detached garage
- Private setting just minutes to Minden!

**SOLD****Hadlington Rd \$49,900**

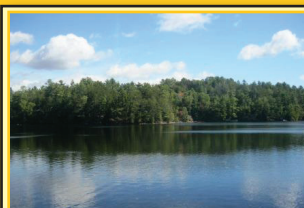
- 17 acres on a year round road
- Joining 100's of acres of crown land

**BUILDING LOT****West Lk Starting at \$239,900**

- Prime building lots, private w/ Algonquin Park-like surroundings, 2 Lovely lots available on year round road to build your dream home or cottage!

**5 LAKE CHAIN****Soyers Lake Home \$699,000**

- 4 bdrm home w/lovely view down lake
- Sand beach, southern exp., deep off dock
- One of our finest lakes on 5 lake chain!

**SOLD****Little Bob Lake \$134,900**

- Prime Waterfront Lot on Year Round Road
- Gently sloping, Hydro and Telephone @ Lot Line

**SOUTH LAKE****Waterfront Condo \$639,000**

- 4 bedroom, 3 baths, Close to Minden
- Upgraded throughout incl. granite counters
- Main floor master, fireplace, Haliburton room

**5 LAKE CHAIN****Development Opportunity!**

- 120 ft of frontage on Kashagawigamog
- Offers various commercial or residential options
- Private w/ good building spots by the lake

**BUILDING LOT****South Lake \$269,000**

- Features quiet dead end road & sandy shoreline
- Also includes hydro right at the lot & a septic



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